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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Chin-Chu Chen : Group  
Serial No: 10/657,199 : Art Unit #1651  
Filed: 9 September 2003 : Examiner:  
Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING NOVEL  $\beta$ -LACTAM : S.M. Hanley  
ANTIBIOTIC FROM PROTOPLAST FUSION STRAIN

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop – Amendment  
Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The Examiner issued an Office Action dated 13 June 2006 in the above-referenced Patent Application. The reply period having now expired, a Request and fee for a one month Extension of Time is concurrently filed herewith to ensure timely filing.

Responsive to the outstanding Official Action dated 13 June 2006, please amend the above-referenced Patent Application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 6 of this paper and include a replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including a replacement Drawing sheet of Fig. 12, two (2) declarations and a Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73 (b) are attached following page 9 of this paper.